

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In transporting a reticle with a pellicle, gas
purge is efficiently performed in a pellicle space or
the environment in the pellicle space is efficiently
5 maintained. Injectors (35) are provided in a pair of
fork portions (31) of a reticle hand. Inert gas is
injected and supplied from the injectors (35) into a
pellicle space (29) through vent holes (27) of a
reticle (30) with a pellicle. In this state, the
10 reticle (30) with the pellicle is transported.